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Public invited to Guard groundbreaking ceremony Jan. 18

CARSON CITY – The public is welcome to join Nevada National Guard officials for the groundbreaking ceremony of the North Las Vegas Readiness Center on January 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the Floyd Edsall Readiness Center, 6400 Range Road, Las Vegas. The new readiness center will be built on a 78-acre site near the Edsall Center.

The 68,420-square foot North Las Vegas Readiness Center will become the home for several Nevada Army Guard units. The facility will include classrooms, conference rooms, an assembly hall, a distance learning center, a library, physical fitness area, storage facilities, a maintenance training work bay, locker rooms and office security systems.

“This new facility will give us adequate space for all our southern Nevada engineer units,” said Lt. Col. Clayton Chappell, the Nevada Guard’s construction and facilities manager. “The 777th Engineer Detachment has been a Nevada unit since the late 90s and is looking forward to some breathing room.”

The facility is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2013.

Nevada adjutant general Brig. Gen. Bill Burks and Brig. Gen. Frank Gonzales, the commander of the Nevada Army Guard, are set to speak during the ceremony.

The Nevada National Guard includes more than 3,000 Soldiers and 1,100 Airmen. The total number of Nevada Guardsmen has increased by more than 30 percent during the past eight years.